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Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
State of Louisiana
Post Office Box 44275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Hosston A Zone, SIBLEY FIELD, Webster Parish,
Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

EL PASO PRODUCTION COMPANY ("Applicant") hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Hosston A Zone in the Sibley Field, Webster Parish, Louisiana:

1. To authorize Applicant to complete, designate and utilize its Reed B No. 1 Well, located as shown on the attached plat, as an additional alternate unit well for HOSS A SUD, in exception to the well location provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 148-J, effective February 1, 1972.

2. To find that the proposed additional alternate unit well is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the Hosston A Zone underlying HOSS A SUD which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well on this unit.

3. To consider such other matters as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

The Hosston A Zone in Sibley Field, Webster Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 148-J, effective February 1, 1972.

Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Louis Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 N. Causeway Blvd., Suite 204, Metairie, Louisiana 70002-7216. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Louis Gilbert at (504) 834-8112 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such data which is not otherwise available at the Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

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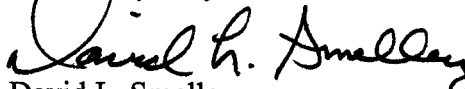
As provided by the Revised Rules of Procedure, the subject matter of this application does not require the issuance of a pre-application notice; therefore, no such notice has been issued.

Pursuant to the aforesaid Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of this letter and of the attached plat is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties, as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing and the enclosed plat at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Sibley Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

A check payable to the Office of Conservation and covering the application fee is enclosed.

Yours very truly,


David L. Smelley

-- Attorney for El Paso Production Company

DLS:dp
Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)
Mr. Jerry McAnulty (w/encls.)
Mr. Louis Gilbert (w/encls.)
Interested Owners, Represented
Parties and Interested Parties (w/plat only)

R - 9 - W
HOSS A SU M
28

EL PASO
PALMER
A-1
27 9505
HOSS A
SU N

SONAT
BURSON
A-1

HOSS A SU D

HOSS A
SU C

HOSS A SU D

33

34

CROW
MCGINTY
1
7500

EL PASO
REED
B-2
8800

DELTA
REED
1
7112

SAMSON-
KELLEY
BURTON 1
8900

WILLIAMSON
MCGINTY
1
9115

EL PASO
GLASS ESTATE
C-1
9000

EL PASO
REED
B-1
8812

1000' FSL
1000' FEL

SAMSON-
KELLEY
BEATTY 1
8730

WILLIAMSON
MCGINTY
2
8613

EL PASO
BURKHALTER
2
7300
1
8600

EL PASO
GLASS ESTATE
C-2
9200

EL PASO
BURSON-MEARS
B-1
8998

SAMSON-
KELLEY
BLACKWELL 1
8790

EL PASO
NOLES
A-1
8725

EL PASO
GLASS
D-2
9282

EL PASO
GLASS
D-1
8762

EL PASO
REED
A-3
8725

HOSS A
SU F

SAMSON-
KELLEY
WEST A-1
9418

HOSS A SU E
4

EL PASO
CRUMP
1
9524

EL PASO
CRUMP
2
8810

EL PASO
BRACKEN 4

1-ALT

LEGEND

- UNIT WELL
- ALTERNATE UNIT WELL
- PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL
- HOSS A UNITS AS PER 148-J SERIES OF ORDERS
- WELLS 7000' OR SHALLOWER REMOVED FROM BASE

EXHIBIT NO.

DOCKET NO. 04-

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Production

Onshore Development
Houston, Texas

SIBLEY FIELD

WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL PLAT

HOSS A SU D

0 500 1000 1500

SIBHOSASUD.DGN

LOUIS GILBERT & ASSOCIATES, INC.

HOSS A
SU L

18
N 32

HOSS A
SU K

9020 SAMSON-
KELLEY SKELLY
WILLIAM- WILLIAMSON
SON 1
7102
8507 SAMSON-
KELLEY
BLOXOM
3-ALT

SAMSON-
KELLEY
WILLIAMSON
1
8583